

In claim 20, line 1, please delete "23" and insert therefor --19--.

Please add new claims 25 and 26.

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25. A composition for healing wounds or burns comprising a wound or burn healing effective amount of non-interlinked particles of bioactive glass, said particles capable of releasing sodium into a wound or burn.

26. A wound or burn dressing comprising a bandage and non-interlinked particles of bioactive glass, said particles capable of contacting a wound or burn and thereby releasing sodium into the wound or burn.--

#### REMARKS

The foregoing amendments were discussed at the interview. As correctly indicated in the Official Action, claims 12-13 and 17-24 are currently pending. The claims should now be in condition for allowance. Upon entry of the present amendment, claims 12-13 and 18-26 will be pending.

The rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph is addressed as follows, claim 17 has been canceled. With regard to Claim 20, it is believed that the terms "ointment" and "gel" can be additional ingredients and the terms are properly included in the group. The dependency of claim 20 has also been amended. In view of the above, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner withdraw the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112 of record.

With regard to the double patenting rejection, a terminal disclaimer is enclosed. Although applicants strongly disagree with the rejection, a terminal disclaimer is being submitted to expedite prosecution.

The rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103 is respectfully traversed. As discussed at the interview the claims are allowable over the art of record. Specifically, neither of the